

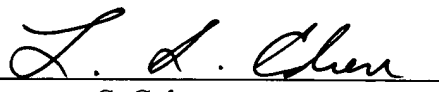
Remarks/Arguments

The courtesy of the Examiner during the telephone interview on 15 December 2004 is appreciated. The applicants concur in the Interview Summary, although the flow chart of new Figure 1A is submitted as an exemplary embodiment. Claims 3 and 9 have been amended to claim a programmed algorithm to derive a qualitative determination.

With these changes, the application is considered to be in condition for allowance.

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